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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Matthew B. Smithers

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2003.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 9 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date See Continuation Sheet.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3). Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :9/30/03; 8/5/03; 4/9/04; 11/9/04; 12/22/04; 5/17/05.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statements filed September 30, 2003, August 5, 2003, April 9, 2004, November 9, 2004, December 22, 2004 and May 17, 2005, have been placed in the application file and the information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits.

Claim Objections

Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: In the body of the claim the word library is misspelled (controlling the shared libraryt . . .). Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Independent claim 8 is claiming a computer program, which does not fall within one of the four statutory classes on an invention. The computer program product is not comprised of a computer readable medium having the program code stored therein. As presently written, the computer program product is just program code (computer program per se), which has been deemed non-statutory.

Claim 9 depends from claim 8 and does not cure the deficiency of independent claim 8; therefore it is considered non-statutory for the same reasons given above for claim 8.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed to a method for securely accessing and using a shared library in a tamper resistant microprocessor. Independent claim recites the uniquely distinct features of "acquiring an instruction key from a header of the shared library; storing the instruction key into a region of the table corresponding to the task identifier allocated to the task for the shared library in the microprocessor; initializing by executing a loader in the shared library; and returning a control to the calling source program via an entry point in the shared library". The closest prior art, Wuidart (US 6,925,569), discloses a secured microprocessor allocating rights to libraries fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious. Another close prior art, Czajkowski et al (US 6,876,996), discloses an apparatus using a shared library mechanism for accessing objects in the shared library fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

A. Vertes (US 20040111720) discloses a system for managing shared library executables.

B. Vu (US 20030131153) discloses a method for dynamically integrating components of a secured shared library into an application.

C. Krishnan et al (US 6,405,316) discloses a system for injecting new code into an existing application.

D. Connelly et al (US 6,385,722) discloses a system for limiting access to program files in a shared library.


E. Jesionowski (US 6,044,442) discloses a system for accessing virtual libraries among a plurality of hosts.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew B. Smithers whose telephone number is (571) 272-3876. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-4:30) EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel L. Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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